

**Title 12: CONSERVATION**  
**Chapter 909: GENERAL OFFENSES**

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**§10650. GENERAL RULE VIOLATION**

Except as otherwise provided, a person who violates a provision of a rule adopted in accordance with this Part commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §67 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 655, §B67 (NEW). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

**§10650-A. RULE VIOLATION; MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES**

**1. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of rules regulating the operation of motor vehicles on public water supplies.

A. A person who violates a rule regulating the operation of motor vehicles on public water supplies commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §67 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates a rule regulating the operation of motor vehicles on public water supplies after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §67 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[ 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §67 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 655, §B67 (NEW). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

**§10651. FAILURE TO STOP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**1. Prohibition.** A person may not:

A. Fail or refuse to stop a motor vehicle or other conveyance immediately upon request or signal of any officer in uniform whose duty it is to enforce this Part; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

B. Fail to stop or move that person's watercraft upon being ordered or directed to do so by any law enforcement officer in uniform whose duty it is to enforce chapter 935; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

C. Fail or refuse to stop any snowmobile on request or signal of any law enforcement officer in uniform whose duty it is to enforce chapter 937; [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 695, Pt. B, §5 (AMD); 2003, c. 695, Pt. C, §1 (AFF).]

D. Fail or refuse to stop any all-terrain vehicle on request or signal of any law enforcement officer in uniform whose duty it is to enforce chapter 939; or [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 695, Pt. B, §5 (AMD); 2003, c. 695, Pt. C, §1 (AFF).]

E. Attempt to elude a law enforcement officer by:

(1) Operating or attempting to operate an all-terrain vehicle past a clearly identifiable police roadblock; or

(2) After being requested or signaled to stop by a law enforcement officer in uniform, operating or attempting to operate an all-terrain vehicle at a reckless rate of speed. [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 695, Pt. B, §6 (AMD); 2003, c. 695, Pt. C, §1 (AFF).]

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 695, Pt. B, §§5, 6 (AMD); 2003, c. 695, Pt. C, §1 (AFF) .]

**2. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 1, paragraph A, B or C commits a Class E crime. A person who violates subsection 1, paragraph D or E commits a Class D crime, for which a minimum fine of not less than \$1,000 must be adjudged.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 695, Pt. B, §7 (AMD); 2003, c. 695, Pt. C, §1 (AFF) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 695, §§B5-7 (AMD). 2003, c. 695, §C1 (AFF).

## §10652. ABUSE OF ANOTHER PERSON'S PROPERTY WHILE FISHING, HUNTING OR TRAPPING

**1. Prohibitions.** Prohibitions on the abuse of another person's property while fishing, hunting or trapping are as follows.

A. A person may not while fishing:

- (1) Tear down or destroy any fence or wall on another person's land;
- (2) Leave open any gate or bars on another person's land; or
- (3) Trample or destroy any crop on another person's land. [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §68 (RPR).]

B. A person may not while hunting any wild animal or wild bird:

- (1) Damage or destroy a tree on another person's land by inserting into that tree any metallic or ceramic object to be used as, or as part of, a ladder or observation stand unless the person has the permission of the landowner;
- (2) Except as provided in this paragraph, erect or use either a portable or permanent ladder or observation stand on the land of another person unless:
  - (a) That person has obtained oral or written authorization to erect and use a ladder or observation stand from the landowner or the landowner's representative; and
  - (b) The ladder or observation stand is plainly labeled with a 2-inch by 4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person or persons authorized by the landowner to use the stand or observation ladder.

This subparagraph does not apply to a portable ladder or observation stand that is located on land within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and attended by the person who owns the ladder or observation stand. For purposes of this subparagraph, "observation stand" does not include a portable blind utilized at ground level that remains in the physical possession of the hunter;

- (3) Tear down or destroy any fence or wall on another person's land;

(4) Leave open any gate or bars on another person's land; or

(5) Trample or destroy any crop on another person's land. [2011, c. 253, §7 (AMD); 2011, c. 682, §38 (REV).]

C. A person may not while trapping a wild animal:

(1) Tear down or destroy any fence or wall on another person's land;

(2) Leave open any gate or bars on another person's land; or

(3) Trample or destroy any crop on another person's land. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §68 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

Except as otherwise provided, a person may not possess any wild animal or wild bird taken by hunting or trapping in violation of this subsection.

[ 2011, c. 253, §7 (AMD); 2011, c. 682, §38 (REV) .]

**2. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[ 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §68 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B68 (RPR). 2011, c. 253, §7 (AMD). 2011, c. 682, §38 (REV).

### §10653. NONFEASANCE

A person shall perform any act, duty or obligation enjoined upon that person by this Part. [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §69 (AMD); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B69 (AMD). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

### §10654. HARASSMENT OF HUNTERS, TRAPPERS AND ANGLERS

**1. Interference with taking.** A person may not intentionally or knowingly interfere with the lawful hunting, fishing or trapping of a wild animal, wild bird or fish.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (RPR).]

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (RPR).]

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (RPR) .]

**2. Disturb or attempt to disturb.** A person may not intentionally or knowingly disturb or attempt to disturb a wild animal, wild bird or fish with the intent to interfere with the hunting, fishing or trapping of a wild animal, wild bird or fish.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (RPR) .]

**3. Injunctions.** The District Court or Superior Court may enjoin conduct that would be in violation of this section upon petition by a person affected or who reasonably may be affected by that conduct upon a showing that the conduct is threatened or that it has occurred on particular premises in the past and that it is not unreasonable to expect that under similar circumstances it will be repeated.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (RPR) .]

**4. Property rights otherwise provided by law.** This section does not limit ownership use, access or control of property rights otherwise provided by law.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §70 (RPR) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B70 (RPR).

## §10655. FAILURE TO NOTIFY

Except as otherwise provided through written agreement, a person who has knowledge that a person is lost, stranded or drowned in the woodlands or inland waters of the State shall give notice of the lost, stranded or drowned person by the quickest means to the Bureau of Warden Service. [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §71 (AMD); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B71 (AMD). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

## §10656. DEFACEMENT OF NOTICES

**1. Prohibition on defacement of notices.** A person may not intentionally or knowingly mutilate, deface or destroy a notice or rule of the commissioner posted in conformity with this Part.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §72 (RPR) .]

**2. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §72 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §72 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §72 (RPR) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B72 (RPR).

## §10657. CIVIL TRESPASS

**1. Prohibition.** While engaging in any activity regulated under this Part, a person, knowing that the person is not licensed or privileged to do so, may not:

A. Enter or cause a projectile to enter any place from which that person may lawfully be excluded and that is posted in accordance with Title 17-A, section 402, subsection 4 or in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders or that is fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders; or [2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW).]

B. Enter or remain in or cause a projectile to enter or remain in any place in defiance of a lawful order not to enter or an order to vacate that was personally communicated to that person by the owner of the place or another authorized person. [2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW).]

[2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW) .]

**2. Civil penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged. [2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW).]

B. A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW).]

[2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW) .]

**3. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, arrow, bolt or other object propelled or launched from a firearm or a bow, crossbow or similar tensile device.

[2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

2007, c. 334, §1 (NEW).

**§10658. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF WILD ANIMALS OR WILD BIRDS**

**1. Prohibition.** A person may not possess a wild animal or wild bird or any parts of a wild animal or wild bird that the person does not possess by any lawful means in the State or any other jurisdiction.

[ 2015, c. 301, §5 (NEW) .]

**2. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$500 must be imposed.

[ 2015, c. 301, §5 (NEW) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2015, c. 301, §5 (NEW) .

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